

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, election was required among species A of Fig. 1 and species B of Fig. 2.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant has provisionally elected species A of Fig. 1.

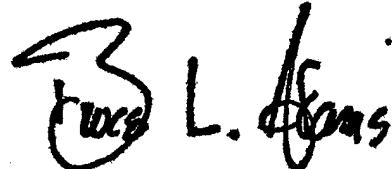
Original claims 1-7 have been replaced with new claims 10-29 to correct informalities, correct instances of indefiniteness, improve the wording, bring the claims into better conformance with U.S. practice, and provide a fuller scope of coverage. Claims 10-29 are readable on the elected invention. Non-elected claims 8-9 have been canceled.

Applicant submits that new independent claims 10, 19 and new dependent claims 11-16 and 19-26 are generic to species A and B, and it is applicant's understanding that the restriction requirement will be withdrawn upon the allowance of any of these (or any other) generic claim.

In light of the foregoing, early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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